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Dear Tim:

A belated thank-you to you--and everyone else--who treated us to such a fine visit to the school and the community last week. I know the concept of "community school" will be so much more vivid for everyone who came along from Washington, and hopefully you may have had an impact on some thinking about how to help such efforts.

I was impressed with the depth of thought in all the comments by parents about the school, both at dinner and in the various sessions Friday. It's clear that the experience of starting the day-care center and then the school has produced community leadership of tremendous sophistication in both politics and education. As I said at the time, I wish we knew more about how to link their experience and talent with other groups who are just starting on the long road they've been down.

I promised to send Bonnie Webber some materials, and please tell her that I've not forgotten and will be getting back to her soon. I'm enclosing a copy for your information of another note I'm sending today; I wish there was more I could do.

I will look at home at the Allan Graubard study, to see if the appendix on an Ironbound School was actually about Independence Hall, as you suggested; I'll let you know--for curiosity's sake, if for no other reason.

Thanks again, Tim; the logistics of getting all of us into and out of the various parts of the evening and following day would do credit to the most advanced political campaign, such as I used to be involved in on Capitol Hill! Let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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